



# Maryland

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Mr. Cosmo Servidio  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA Region 3  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Servidio:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is formally submitting the attached State of Maryland 0.075 ppm 8-Hour Ozone Nitrogen Oxide Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) State Implementation Plan, SIP # 18-04. This document consists of Maryland's State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision developed for the purpose of meeting the RACT requirements set forth by the Clean Air Act (CAA), as the requirements apply to the 0.075 ppm 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). This document is a revised and updated version of the RACT SIP that Maryland submitted in 2011, in response to the 1997 0.080 ppm 8-hr ozone standard. MDE certifies that identical electronic and hard copies of this SIP package and electronic copies of the appendices are enclosed.

MDE is also providing documentation of its compliance with the requirement to offer a thirty-day comment period on this SIP revision submittal. Written comments were received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and a joint comment letter was received from the Environmental Integrity Project, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, United Workers, Greater Baybrook Community Land Trust, Clean Water Action, and Sierra Club. A public hearing for this SIP was held in Baltimore, MD on July 2, 2018. Comments were received from the Environmental Integrity Project, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, United Workers, Greater Baybrook Community Land Trust, and Clean Water Action during the hearing. These comments as well as MDE's responses are included in the SIP package. All required administrative procedures were followed throughout the hearing process.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. George (Tad) S. Aburn, Jr., Director of the Air and Radiation Administration, at 410-537-3255, or by email at [george.aburn@maryland.gov](mailto:george.aburn@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Ben Grumbles  
Secretary

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